

Notices.

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Comments and Replies.

Enquirer.—There is at present no Central School of Preliminary Education for those who wish to enter the Nursing Profession. The London Hospital, Whitechapel Road, E., and the Glasgow Infirmary, have instituted Preliminary Training Schools of their own, and probably other schools will follow their example. We quite agree with you that there is much which a girl might learn, before entering the wards of a hospital—housewifery and household management, practical cookery, laundry work, the elements of nursing, including bandaging, splint padding, etc., and elementary dispensing. All these might with advantage be taught before the probationer enters a hospital for her practical work, in a central College. The College would also form a convenient centre where post-graduate courses might be taken in special subjects.

Mrs. Finch, Bradford.—"The Nursing Directory" is obtainable from the Manager, the Offices of THE NURSING

RECORD, 11, Adam Street, Strand. It is published under the authority of the Matrons' Council, and is the only Directory which insists upon a three years' certificate as the qualification of admission.

Isolation.—Why not join the Matrons' Council? It affords just the benefits you want. Application forms may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, 46, York Street, Portman Square, W.

Nurse B., Birmingham.—We thank you for your kindly letter. The NURSING RECORD has always, from its first number, consistently advocated the legal registration of nurses, and through evil and good report it will continue to do so. It is a great reform, and is not likely to be attained without a struggle, but the demand for it is based upon justice, and therefore we have every hope that eventually we shall obtain it. Individual nurses can do much by educating public opinion on this matter. The interests of the public are involved quite as much as those of trained nurses.

Certificated Nurse.—We should advise you to join some co-operative institution where the superintendent is a trained nurse, and where you take your own fees less a percentage deducted for office expenses. Or you might join an institution where you receive a definite salary, with a percentage of the profits after expenses are paid, and where you receive board and lodging between your cases without anxiety to yourself should you be without a case for a time. You must be most careful not to sign any contract binding yourself to serve any institution which exists for the purpose of making as large a profit as possible out of your earnings. Unfortunately there are many such.

District Nurse.—We do not advise you to accept the post in question. You would find it quite impossible to live in ordinary comfort on the salary. Board, lodging, and washing, are items which mount up considerably, and if you are harassed about ways and means you cannot work well.

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